

DETAILED ACTION

Current Status

1. Claims 20-29 are pending in the application.
2. This action is responsive to Applicants' amendment of 29 June 2009.
3. Receipt and entry of Applicants' amendment is acknowledged.
4. The 103 rejection has been withdrawn because the prior art reference cited does not teach all the claims limitation.

This application is a 371 of PCT/FR03/01921 06/23/2003.

Allowed Claims

Claims 20-29 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Reason For Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: A search of the prior art failed to uncover any reference that anticipates or renders obvious a continuous process for preparing an organodialkylalkoxysilane by continuously contacting an alcohol in a **countercurrent** with a silane; wherein all the variables are as defined in the claims.

Claims 20-29 are allowed.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chukwuma O. Nwaonicha whose telephone number is 571-272-2908. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday, 8:30am to 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Daniel Sullivan can be reached on 571-272-0779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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